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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Have you opened your Game Card Starter Pack? Thought you'd like something to take your minds off a hard day's slog at school (stop groaning and check out the section below for more info on the latest game craze from the U.S.).

Do I have a mega treat lined up for you lot ... welcome back to one of Sega's biggest stars, Ecco the Dolphin, who returns for a brand new run (or should that be swim!). There's plenty of baddie bashing with Sonic in *The Brotherhood of Metallix* and *The Seven Badniks*. There's also comic-strip action of the highest kind in part two of the *Revenge of Trogg* starring Knuckles and Tails.

Chaox fans should turn to the centre pages for an Espio the Chameleon pin-up. Plus, the Review Zone puts the spotlight on *Comix Zone*, Sega's exciting new Mega Drive game where you play the role of a comic writer/artist. Speaking of which ...

Would you like one of the mega talented STC artists to draw something just for you? If the answer's yes, then put a note in your diary for the UK Comic Art Convention (UKCAC), held at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London on Sunday, 1 October. From 3.30pm you'll get the chance to meet some of the STC creators, and if you take an adult with you (boo-hiss!), you'll get in free! For more information, see you in the next issue!

Megadroid

STARTER FOR FIVE!



Your Game Card Starter Pack of five comes complete with detailed instructions, and offers a taste of the exciting gameplay that awaits.

Champions Trading Cards are the latest role-playing craze to hit the U.S. and there are two game titles - *Medieval Battle* and *Monster Wars* - each is available as a Basic Deck of 44 cards for £3.99, as well as a Booster Pack containing 11 cards for 99p.

If you're wondering where on mobius to buy these, brave your major toy retail outlets. Forget the teabags, it's all in the cards!

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COMPILED
BY GALLUP



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MEGA DRIVE

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| 1 | ● BRIAN LARA CRICKET |
| 2 | ↑ THEME PARK |
| 3 | ↑ FIFA SOCCER '95 |
| 4 | ↑ PGA TOUR GOLF 3 |
| 5 | ↑ STREET RACER |
| 6 | ↓ RUGBY WORLD CUP 1995 |
| 7 | ↓ FEVER PITCH SOCCER |
| 8 | ↑ NBA LIVE '95 |
| 9 | ↑ STREETFIGHTER 2 CHAMP EDITION |
| 10 | ↓ NHLPA HOCKEY 1995 |

MEGA-CD

- | | |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | ↑ LETHAL ENFORCERS |
| 2 | ↑ STAR WARS CHESS |
| 3 | ↑ FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER |
| 4 | ↓ MICKEY MANIA |
| 5 | ↓ POWERMONGER |
| 6 | ↓ EARTHWORM JIM |
| 7 | RE WORLD CUP USA '94 |
| 8 | ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY |
| 9 | RE SEGA CLASSICS |
| 10 | ↓ REBEL ASSAULT |

MASTER SYSTEM

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| 1 | ↑ BATMAN RETURNS |
| 2 | ● COOL SPOT |
| 3 | ● WONDERBOY IN MONSTER WORLD 3 |
| 4 | ↑ DESERT SPEED TRAP |
| 5 | ↓ DONALD DUCK |
| 6 | ↓ DESERT STRIKE |
| 7 | ↑ STAR WARS |
| 8 | ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2 |
| 9 | ● SONIC CHAOS |
| 10 | RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG |

GAME GEAR

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | ● MICRO MACHINES |
| 2 | ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2 |
| 3 | ● DESERT SPEED TRAP |
| 4 | ● JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD |
| 5 | ● WINTER OLYMPICS |
| 6 | ↑ STRIDER 2 |
| 7 | ↑ MORTAL KOMBAT 2 |
| 8 | RE SONIC CHAOS |
| 9 | NEW DROPZONE |
| 10 | ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF 2 |

ROBOTNIK HAS FINALLY CAPTURED SONIC! IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS ALL OVER FOR THE COOL BLUE ONE, UNTIL ...

YOU WANT MY HELP? IF THIS IS SOME SORT OF TRICK ...

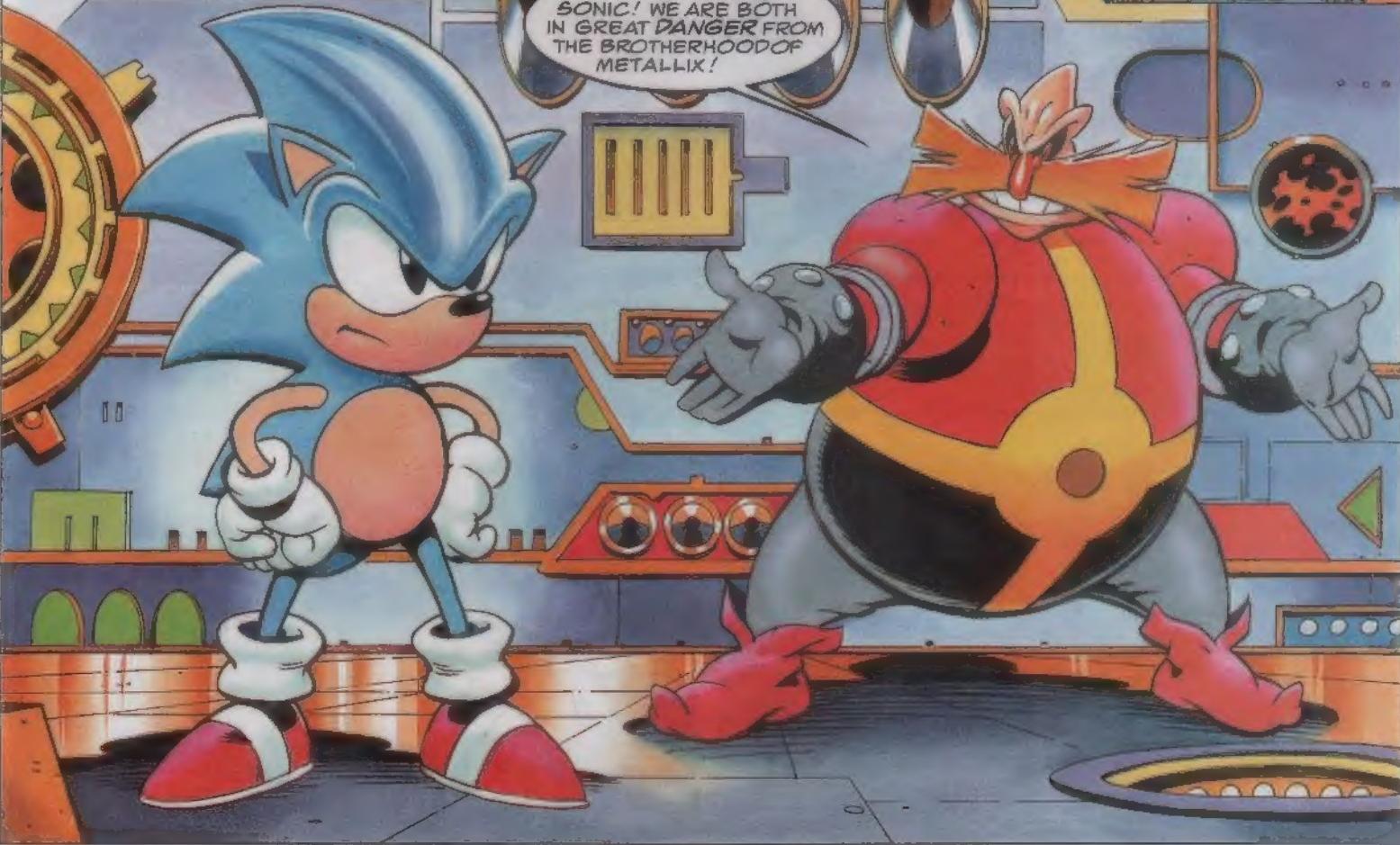
SONIC

The Brotherhood of Metallix

Part 2

Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: RICHARD BISON & JOHN BURNS
Lettering: ELLIE DE' VILLE

IT'S NO TRICK, SONIC! WE ARE BOTH IN GREAT DANGER FROM THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX!



HEY, THAT'S RIGHT! THE METALLIX I MET RECENTLY MENTIONED A BROTHERHOOD!

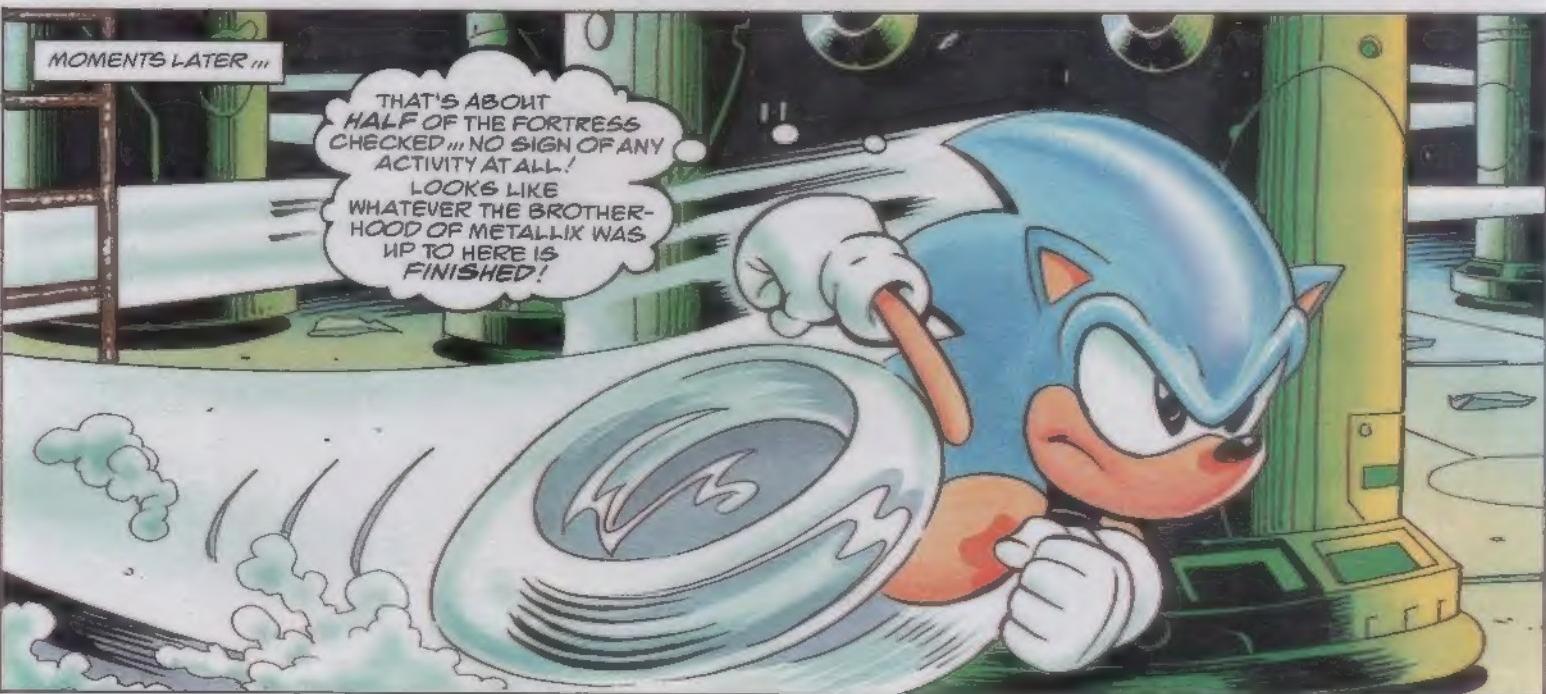
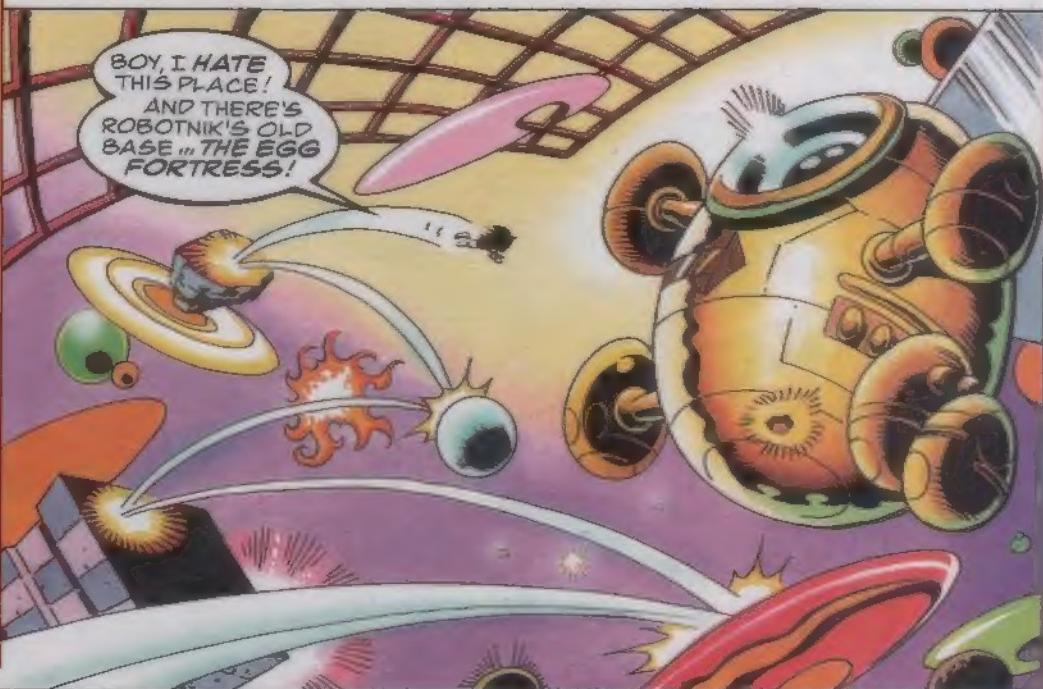
LOOK, ROBOTNIK, JUST HOW MANY OF THESE METALLIXES ARE THERE?

I WISH I KNEW! BUT I DO KNOW THEY'VE TAKEN OVER MY OLD BASE IN THE SPECIAL ZONE ... THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING!

NOT LONG AGO THEY WERE HERE ... THEY KIDNAPPED GRIMER!







WOA! I THINK
I JUST FOUND
SOMETHING!

WE FOUR
ARE THE LAST TO
LEAVE. GRIMER, I WILL
TAKE THE ALPHA DEVICE
NOW.

O... OF COURSE,
EMPEROR. I HOPE
YOU LIKE IT!

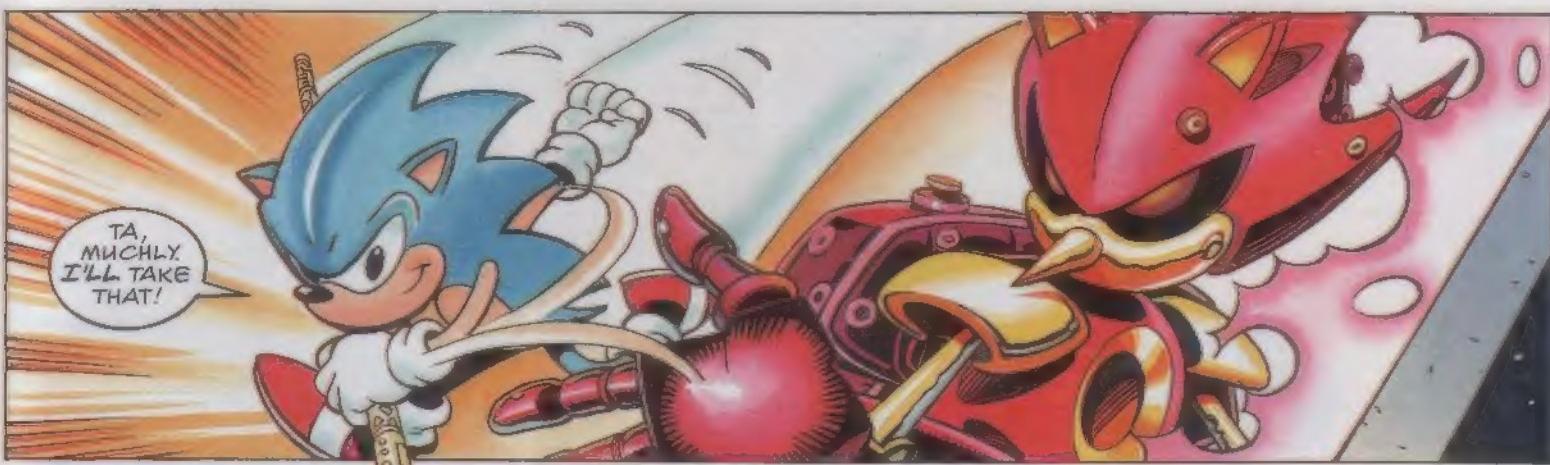
IF YOU HAVE
LIED AND THE DEVICE
FAILS TO FUNCTION, THE
BROTHERHOOD WILL
PUNISH YOU, GRIMER...
YOU WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO HIDE
FROM US!

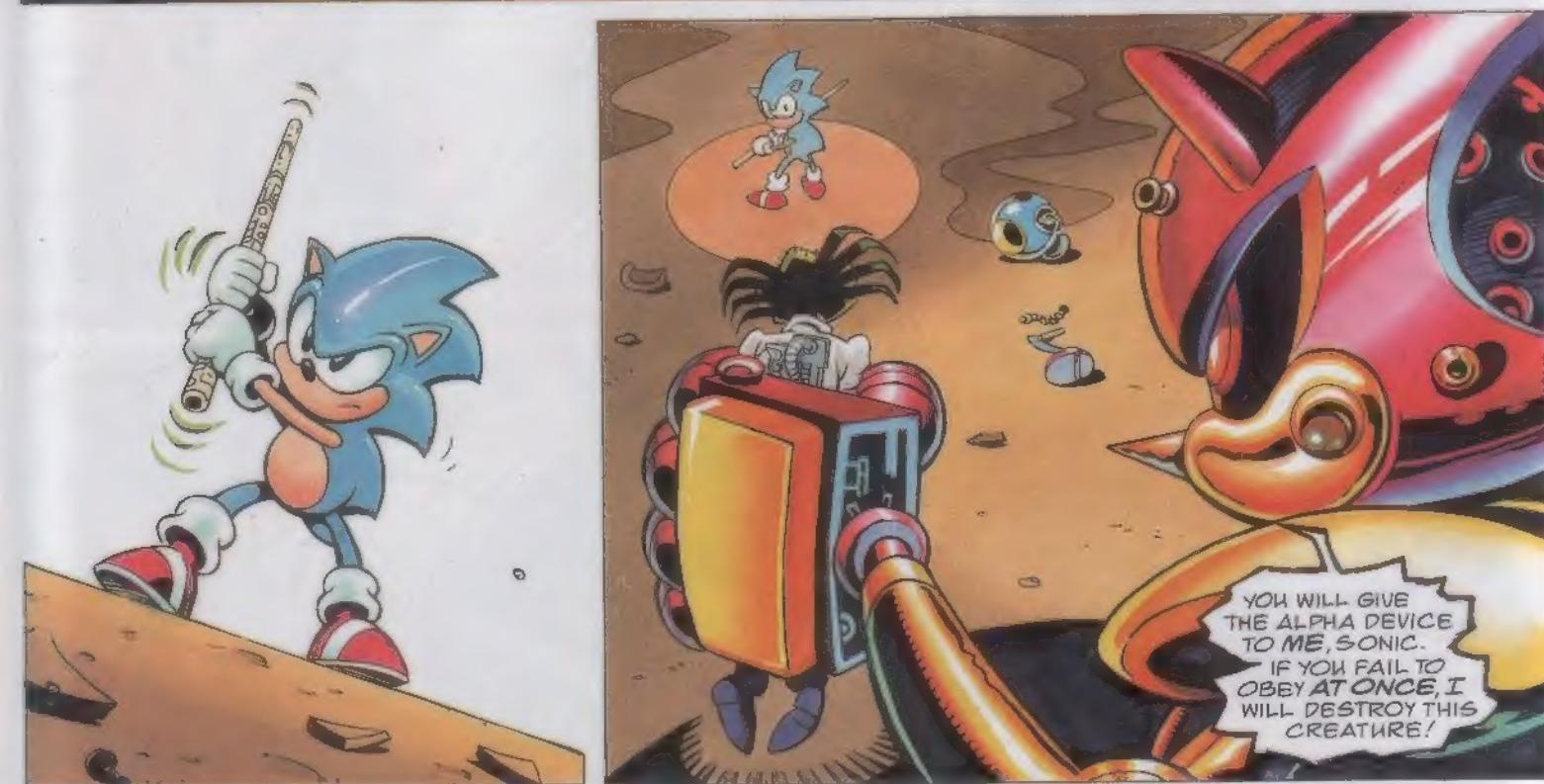
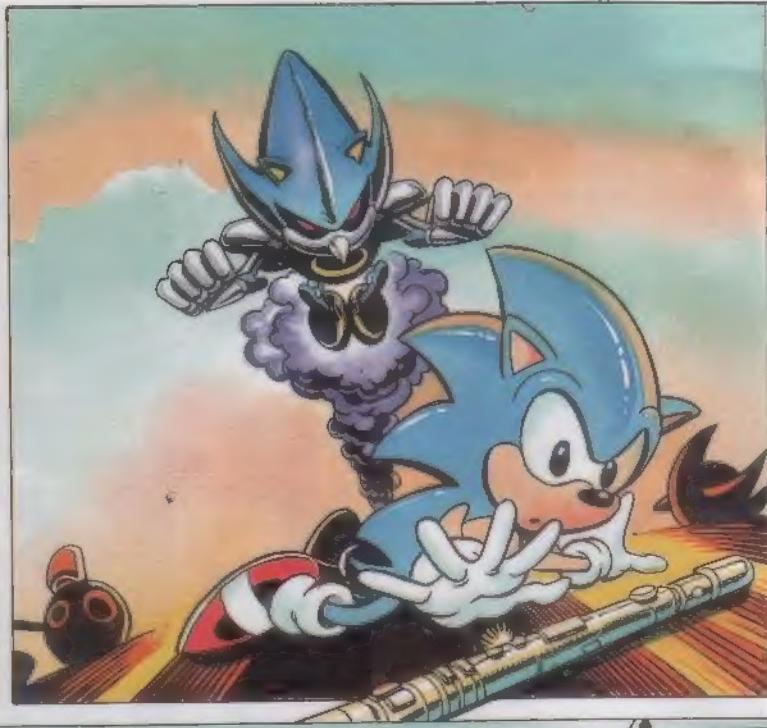
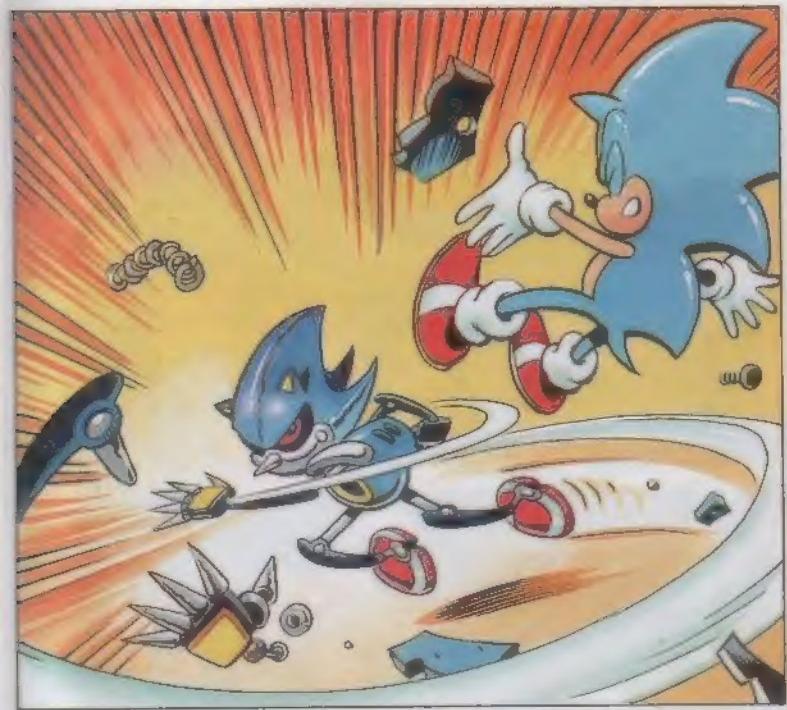
IT... IT'LL
WORK... I
PROMISE!

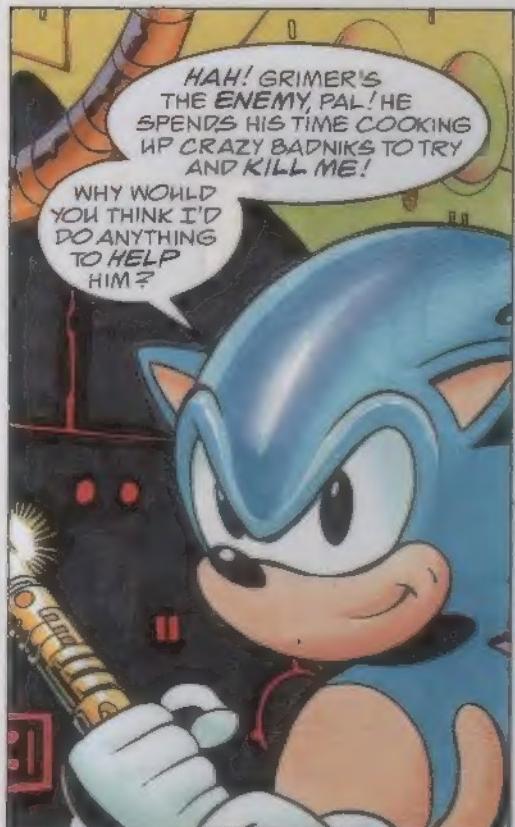
THE
BROTHER-
HOOD'S DESTINY
AWAITS US ON
THE MIRACLE
PLANET.
FAREWELL,
GRIMER!

YOU CAN'T
LEAVE ME... I'LL
BE STRANDED IN
THE SPECIAL
ZONE!

DUNNO
WHAT THAT
THING WAS
GRIMER GAVE
TO THE
METALLIX...
BUT
SOMETHING
TELLS ME IT
WOULD BE A
REAL BIG
MISTAKE TO
LET THEM
KEEP
IT!







REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALSVILLE
70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

COMIX ZONE

PRE-RELEASE VERSION REVIEWED

Reviewed by NICK PROZ.



GAME TYPE: BEAT 'EM-UP
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA

PRICE: AROUND £45



Meet Sketch Turner, freelance rock musician and writer/artist on the comic book, Comix Zone. Using his most frightening nightmares for inspiration, Sketch is working on the current issue in which the New World Empire finally faces the evil Mortus. Lately, Sketch has had this scary feeling that there is more to Comix Zone - it's as if it's all really happening in another dimension ...

LOOK AT ME, SKETCH -- I'M JUST A DRAWING!



NEW YORK CITY, PRESENT DAY

Comix Zone is an exciting new Mega Drive title from Sega, due for release this month. What makes this game so new and different is the comic-style layout (and if you don't know what that is, look at the copy of STC you're holding!). Each screen is divided into pages and panels, through which you must guide Sketch and his best buddy, Roadkill the Rat. To access the next part of the strip you have to defeat all the baddies along the way. While Sketch doesn't have much in the way of weapons, he has some pretty cool special



moves which can be used to great effect - my favourite is the Whirlwind Attack. Oh yes, and Roadkill the Rat - when morphed into a killer attack rodent - has some handy moves of his own too.

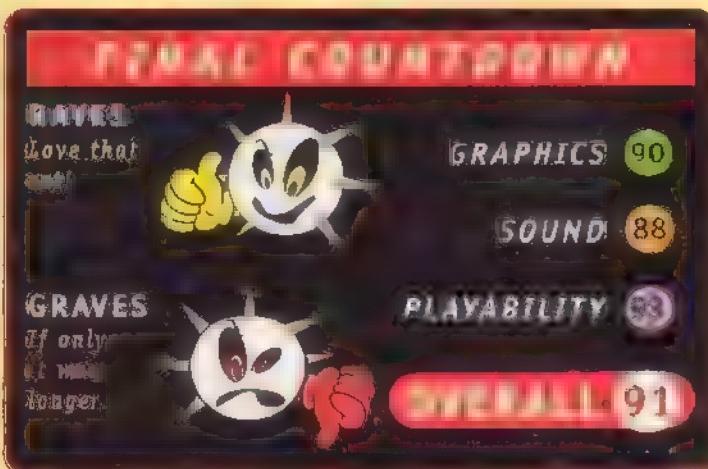
While Comix Zone is first and foremost a beat 'em up game, you won't make it through without using your brain power. Sketch has to figure out how to reach switches to open doors, and sometimes there's



more than one route - the wrong choice can be very risky. Mortus's Mutant Army is a truly challenging force and you'll need to grab the scattered power-ups to stand any chance of victory.

The graphics are bright, colourful, and well defined with perfect comic-style backgrounds. The music and

speech effects are clear and do much to set the tone. There's many clever touches which include speech balloons, plus an occasionally intrusive artist's hand (*we'll have none of that in this comic!* - Megadroid). The best thing about Comix Zone is that it's a new concept that really delivers. Just imagine taking your favourite comic (hint; it's initials contain the letters S, T and C), and controlling the action. More games like this please!



RETURN OF

ECCO

THE DOLPHIN

Script: A. M. HOFFMAN Art: STEVE WADDE Color: ELIZA FEE

NEW STORY

THE STORY SO FAR:
THE LIVING CREATURES
OF THE SEA HAVE
DISAPPEARED, PLUCKED
FROM THE WATERS BY
A STRANGE VORTEX
FROM ABOVE.

TRANSPORTED INTO THE PREHISTORIC SEAS
OF EARTH, ECCO ENCOUNTERED A SINISTER
GLOW MONSTER, SERVANT TO THOSE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF ECCO'S FRIENDS.



THEN, IN THE LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS,
THE GLYPHS BOOSTED ECCO'S
ABILITIES SO THAT HE MAY DEFEAT
THE VORTEX AND RETURN HIS
FRIENDS HOME.



STRANGEST OF ALL WAS THE INTERVENTION
OF AN ALIEN INTELLIGENCE, THE ASTERITE,
WHO TOLD ECCO THAT ONLY WITH HIS HELP
COULD THE VORTEX BE DEFEATED. BUT THERE
WOULD BE A PRICE TO PAY...

ECCO MUST SWIM TO THE DEEPEST
PART OF THE OCEAN AND RECOVER
THE LOST SOURCE OF THE ASTERITE'S
POWER - THE BLACK PEARL.

ALL THESE EVENTS HAPPENED
IN ECCO'S FIRST SERIES,
STC 13-18 - MEGADROID.

SO NOW ECCO SETS OFF TO LOCATE THE TRENCH WHICH HOLDS THE BLACK PEARL OF THE ASTERITE.

HE PROBES THE OCEAN DEPTHS BEFORE HIM WITH HIS HEIGHTENED RADAR, SENSING A DISTURBANCE IN THE OCEAN CURRENTS AHEAD.



ZREEKKY

THIS
MUST BE WHAT
THE ASTERITE
MEANT.

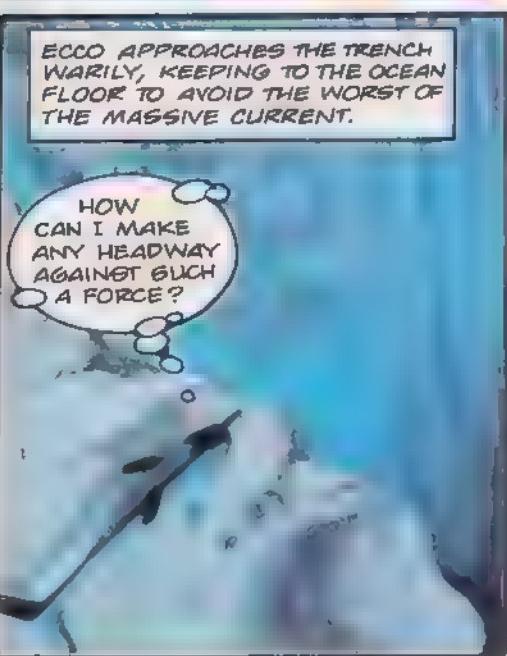
FASTER AND FASTER HE SWIMS.

STRANGE!
NEVER HAVE I ENCOUNTERED
SUCH CURRENTS THIS DEEP
BEFORE...

THEN ECHO SEES A MIGHTY TEAR IN THE OCEAN FLOOR. AND FROM IT HOWLS A TREMENDOUS UPCURRENT.



ECHO APPROACHES THE TRENCH WARILY, KEEPING TO THE OCEAN FLOOR TO AVOID THE WORST OF THE MASSIVE CURRENT.



THERE!



DARKER AND DARKER IT GETS,
THE DEEPER HE SWIMS

IT
SEEMS LIKE
THE CURRENT
IS EASING
OFF...

THEN, INCREDIBLY, THE CURRENT
DISAPPEARS ALTOGETHER

BY MY
FINS!

THE VORTEX WAS UNABLE TO REACH THIS FAR DOWN

NEVER
BEFORE HAVE I SEEN
SUCH STRANGE
CREATURES

BUT THE DOLPHIN'S JOURNEY
IS FAR FROM ENDED AND
DEEPER STILL HE GOES

THAT
STRANGE LIGHT
IT CAN ONLY COME
FROM...

...THE
BLACK
PEARL!

AND
THAT MUST BE
THE GUARDIAN THE
ASTERITE TOLD
ME OF.

NEXT ISSUE: ENCOUNTER!

KNUCKLES and TAILS

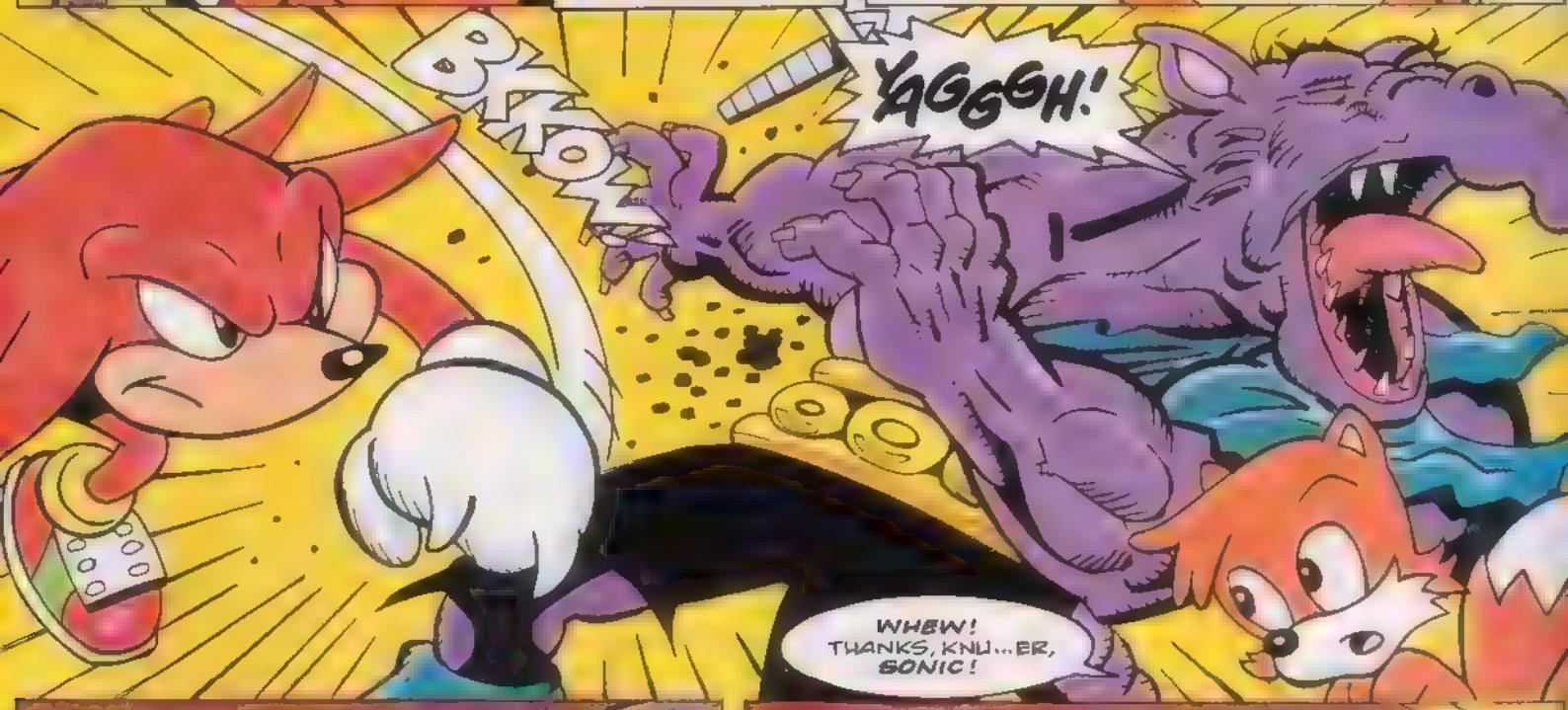
THE REVENGE OF TROGG Part 2

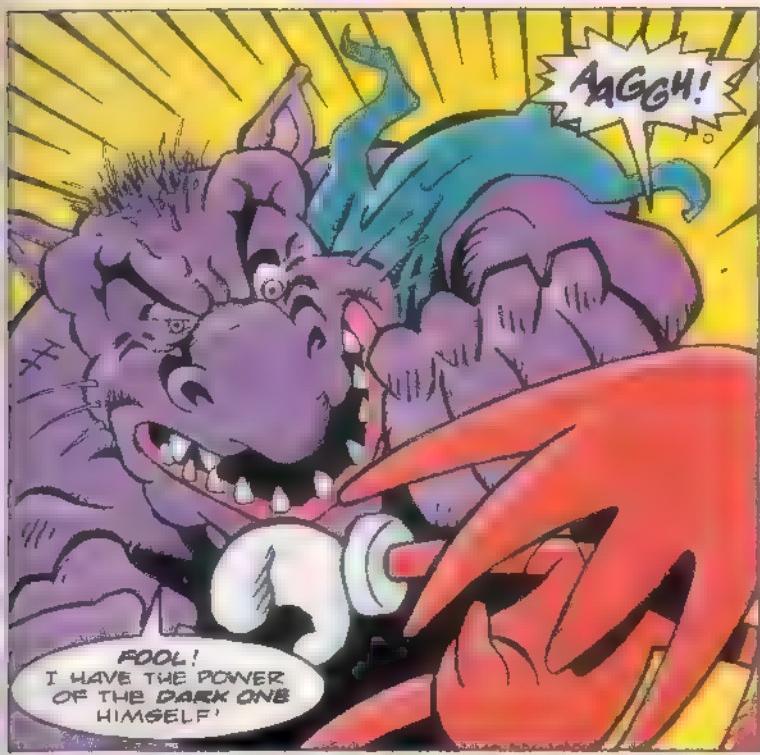
Art: NIGEL KITCHING
& LILITA FELL

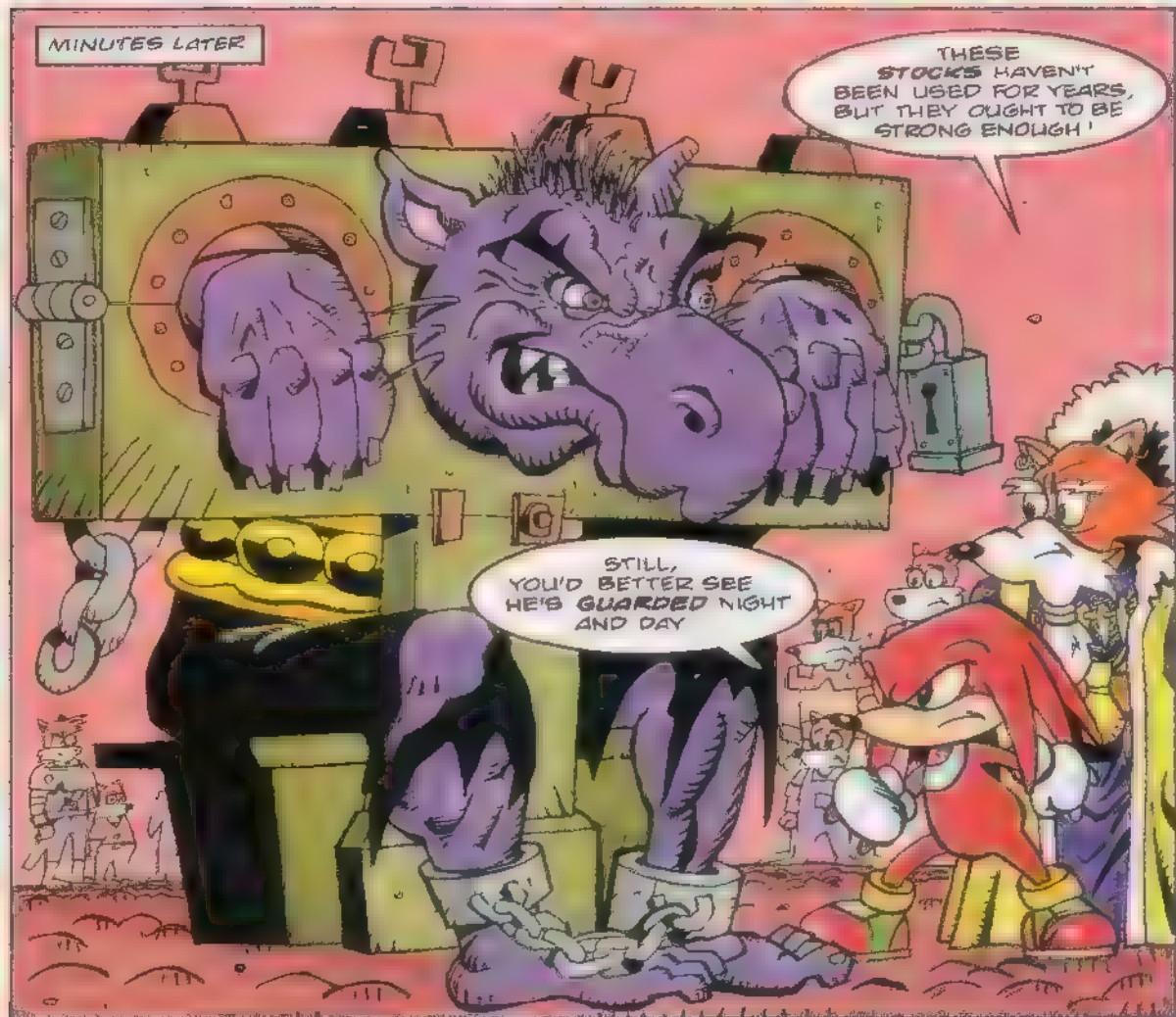
TAILS HAS RETURNED TO THE NAMELESS ZONE WHERE HE IS THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION.

HE (CLOSBLY FOLLOWED BY KNUCKLES) HAS ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO MEET UP WITH HIS OLD FRIEND ERROL BLACKTHORN.











IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, CROP A LINE TO:

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FIFA '95



SPECIAL Part 3

In this concluding part of the **FIFA '95 Special**, game guru, David Gibbon offers a complete rundown of the best scoring options

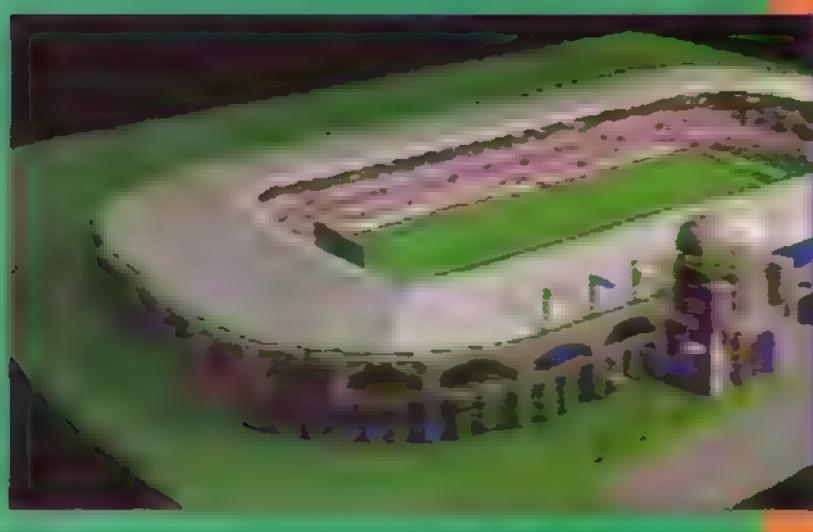
SELECTING YOUR GOAL-SCORING METHOD

THE RYAN GI

OOH-AAH-CANTONA

MR SCHMEICHEL (TOP GOALIE?)

SUPER FAST KANCHELSKIS



PLAYER SUBS

Manchester U

No.	Pos.	Name	Skill
1	G	G. Fletcher	99
2	D	D. Denton	99
3	D	D. J. Hamming	99
4	D	D. Hartson	91
5	D	D. C. Barstow	88
6	M	M. V. Strelak	99
7	M	D. Pearce	99
8	M	M. D. Francis	99
9	M	M. I. Sutton	96
10	F	F. D. Roper	99

B-Coverage

A-Snap

C-Cancel

3-0-2



bicycle-kicked into the net, so be patient and you will perfect the ariel shot.

TOP CHEATS

TAKING PENALTIES

When in a penalty shoot-out with your pals, make it obvious which way you're going to shoot by holding the D-Pad in front of them and holding left. After they've noticed you, switch right at the last second before shooting to score an easy goal. Once your friends know what you're doing, don't switch sides because they'll be expecting you to. Cruel, but it works very well!

WINNING A FREE KICK

When in possession of the ball, keep your back to your opponents. It's illegal for them to tackle you from behind, so once they do it - voila! A free kick is yours for the taking!



LIVERPOOL'S JOHN BARNES

John Barnes' signature move is the bicycle kick. He's the best at it in the game, and he's the one to beat if you want to score a goal. He's got great skill and can score from anywhere on the pitch. He's also good at passing and shooting, so he's a valuable asset to any team.

KOEMANEY

Koemaney is a bit of a nutcase, but he's got some great skills. He's really good at shooting and can score from anywhere on the pitch. He's also good at passing and can set up goals for his teammates. He's a bit of a wild card, but he can be a valuable asset to any team.

IAN 'SURE-SHOT' WRIGHT

Ian Wright is a bit of a nutcase, but he's got some great skills. He's really good at shooting and can score from anywhere on the pitch. He's also good at passing and can set up goals for his teammates. He's a bit of a wild card, but he can be a valuable asset to any team.

MAN UTD'S MARK HUGHES

Mark Hughes is a bit of a nutcase, but he's got some great skills. He's really good at shooting and can score from anywhere on the pitch. He's also good at passing and can set up goals for his teammates. He's a bit of a wild card, but he can be a valuable asset to any team.

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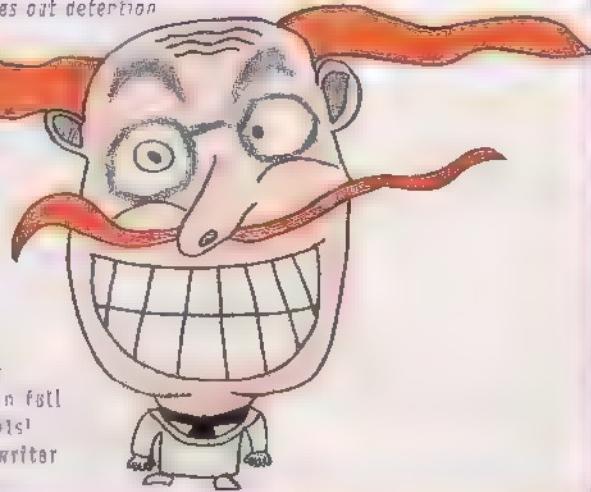


Julie-Ann Morse, Bedminster, Bristol.
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Teacher's pet



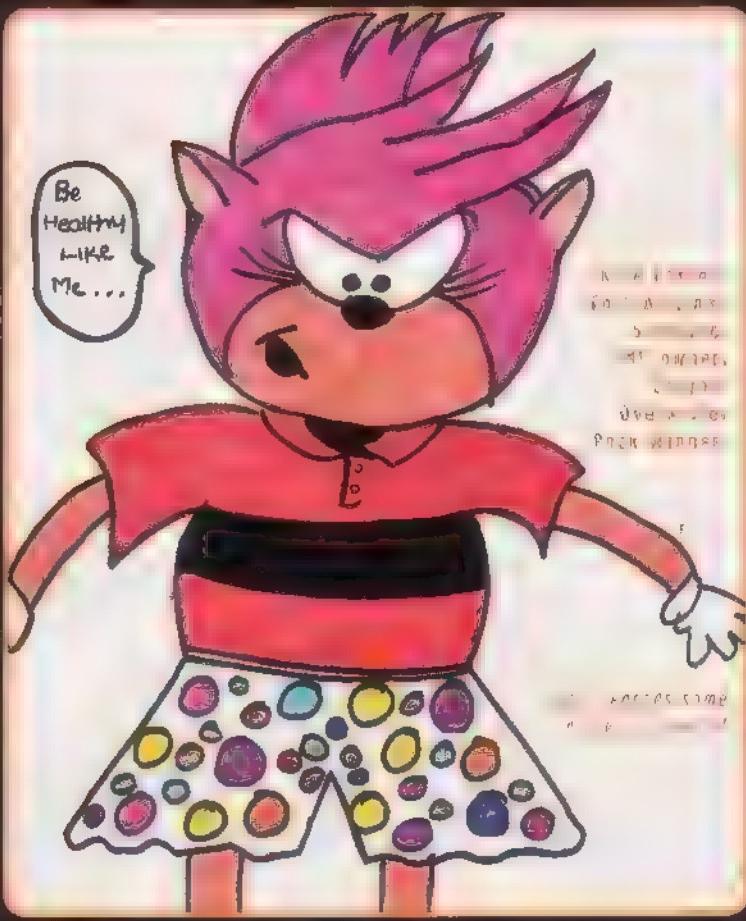
Ronon k dishes out detention



Peter Thomas
Please send in full
address details!
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.



Peter Vaughan,
Brighton,
E Sussex.
Crayola
Overwriter Pack
Winner.



Professor Sonic!



John Habash,
Irvine, Scotland.
Crayola
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John
13 First Row
Irvine, Scotland
KA12 0BY

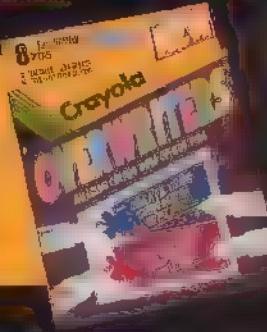
Preferably paint on a plain white background, or use felt tip pens; avoid lined paper, and crayons as they don't print as well.

* Be original and come up with your own ideas!

Print your name in capital letters, please) on the back so that you can get the right address.

DRAWDOWN, DRAWING STUDIO, 25-31
TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON, WC1H 9SU.

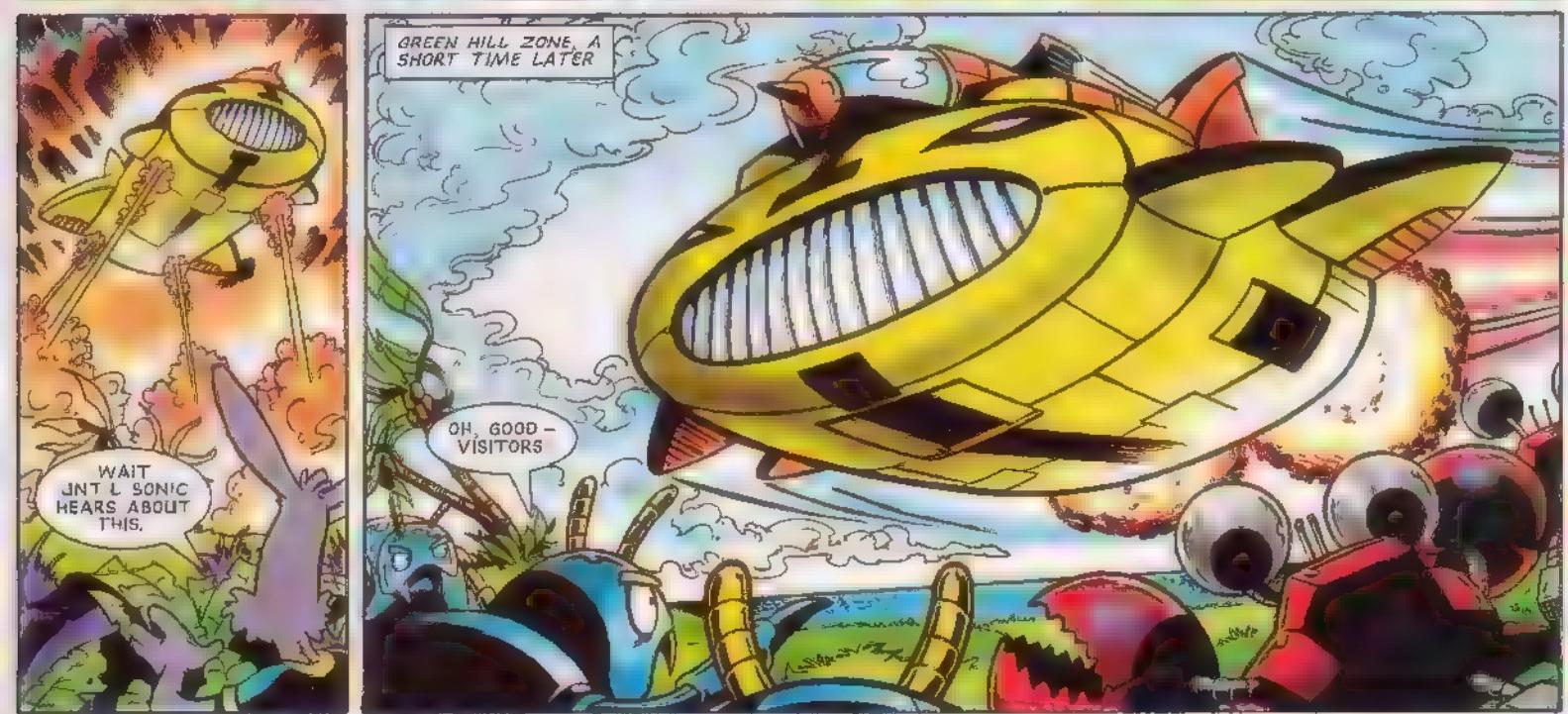
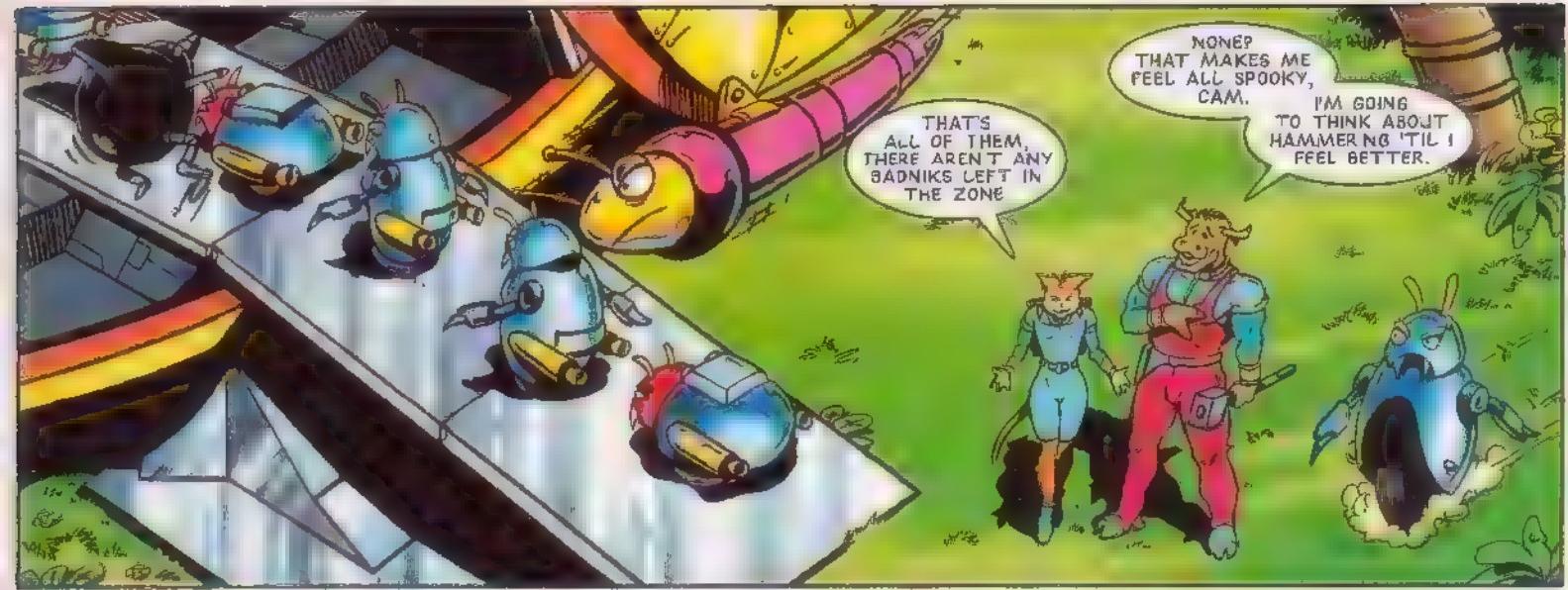
EACH ARTIST-HUME
WHO GETS THEIR
HANDYWORK PRINTED
IN STC WILL RECEIVE A
PACK OF CRAYOLA
OVERWRITER COLOUR
FIBRE-TIPPED PENS.



SONIC'S WORLD

The Seven Badniks Part 2











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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

Prehistoric Sonic!



Wayne Bradford, MD owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.

SUMMERTIME BLUES!

Dear Megadroid,

I was very disappointed with the 1995 Sonic Summer Special because nearly all the stories were printed before in Sonic Poster Mags! Paul Spencer, Aylesbury, Bucks. MD owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.



The Summer Special was marked up as a Classic collection, Paul, - i.e. it was made up of popular strips, taken from the regular comic. These are mainly put together for comic fans who do not normally buy regular copies of STC.

WIDE BOY-O!

Dear STC,

Since Sega games are so expensive, it's about time blank game cartridges were produced, together with a recording adaptor. This would enable me to make copies from an original. Richard Hodgson, Gwent, S Wales. MD owner.

Sonic Stationery Winner.



Interesting idea, but how will you be able to operate from jail?

Amy wears the trousers!

IT'S TIME FOR A
CHANGE
SONIC!



Mariel Runacre-Temple,
Sonic Stationery Winner.

DO IT YOURSELF!

Dear Megadroid,

Unfortunately, I forgot to enter the compo to win a *Sonic & Knuckles* Jacket back in STC 53, so please tell me where I can buy one from? Michael Edwards, Harlow, Essex. MD/MS owner.
Sonic Stationery Winner.



You're out of luck this time Michael, as the jacket was a one-off exclusive

(results of the competition will be announced next issue). However, you could always get an artistic-hume to paint one on the back of a denim jacket, using fabric paint (available from haberdashery shops and department stores).



Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@richb.demon.co.uk
Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

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NEXT ISSUE...

WHO'S THE HOT CROSS FOX?



Plus

SONIC!
METALLIX ARE GO!

SONIC'S WORLD!
TROUBLE'S BREWING!

STC 61

ON SALE SAT, 16TH SEPTEMBER '95 £1.20

ECCO!
SPLASHES OUT!

STC ARTISTS!
MEET THEM BEFORE
THEY MEET YOU!

DATA \$TRIP

I'VE BEEN READING STC SINCE ...

ISSUE

MY FAVOURITE ...

FILM/VIDEO IS

BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG MCD MD
MM MS 32X
SATURN

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 60



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